



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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Annual Meeting Minutes January 10, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by President Gail.

Members present: Pete, Karen, Derek, Don, Jon, Cheryl, Kirby, David Y., Anne, Dave P., Dennis, Phil, Denise, Clem, Lori, Gail (quorum of 5). Visitors: Phil H., Margaret, Jennifer, Laura, and Betsy.

Everyone was welcomed to our Annual meeting and roundtable self introductions were made by attendees.

Secretary Report: Minutes of November 8, 2012, were read and approved (**motion Clem, 2nd Denise**) **passed unanimously**, they will be posted on our MN Chapter website. Please check for new announcements and calendar items on the Chapter website: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/Lists/Calendar/>

Treasurer Report: There is \$1303.38 in bank checking account, with one outstanding check not yet cashed, leaving the total at 1227.32. Grant balance needs updating, to include a snowblower purchased for WDC.

Officers were put to a vote and the slate of nominees passed (Motion by Jon, 2nd Cheryl). Two year terms will be served by Clem Yonker – President, Gail Bolin – Vice-President, Dennis Braun – Treasurer, and Lori Getts – Secretary. Committee chairpersons for 2013 are: Karen Lamb, Valle Novak, and Dave Pietz.

A greeting card from Sara Focht, our state IDFG Sponsor representative was read, she complimented our group calling our chapter the strongest, most organized in the state!

Time to eat – potluck was served.

Meeting reconvened at 6:20pm – Clem Yonker presiding

Committees:

Training/Field trips: Chair – Karen

- Need committee members for 2013 Training Classes for new members, please sign up if interested in helping.
- Pete Gardner has organized a Jan 16th visit to the David Douglas exhibit at The Museum of Arts and Culture (MAC) in Spokane, hosted and guided by Jack Nisbet. Meet at the museum at 2:00pm. This visit will count as training. <http://www.northwestmuseum.org/> open Wednesday- Saturday 10-5 admission is \$7 unless you are a member.

Volunteer Services (Citizen Science/Public Outreach): Chair - Dave

- Phil Hough from Friends of Scotchman Peaks (FSPW) came to the meeting today and spoke to us about opportunities such as 1) the rare forest carnivore study (last year this study had 147 volunteers, it will continue for 3-4 years). 2) This summer a weed survey will be done, project includes training and you can adopt a trail to survey. 3) There is National Forest Service funding available from the newly designated Treasured Landscapes – Lightning Creek. Volunteers will be needed for 3-4 years. 4) Trail maintenance will continue at Star Creek, Morris Creek, Star Gulch and Ross Creek. 5) Looking for volunteers to man the old Chamber of Commerce space in the bank building at corner of Oak and 3rd Ave. There are other outreach programs available that need

volunteers, if interested, contact phil@scotchmanpeaks.org

- Derek Antonelli passed around sign-up sheets and spoke about several topics: 1) the recently funded Multi Species Baseline Initiative, studying rare carnivores, amphibians, mollusks, snails, slugs, and beetles. <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/baseline> 2) Clark Fork River Delta Restoration including monitoring vegetation, baseline study, planting during construction, documenting plantings, and more. 3) Rare plant surveys – no funding for this activity, volunteers only. 4) Vegetation Monitoring – transects on IDFG properties – Smith Creek & Deep Creek – no experience needed.
- A Coordinator for the Outreach portion of the Volunteer Committee is needed to help with activities associated with WDC classroom field trips, working with Tom Whalen and Erin Mader – Selma has volunteered to take this position. Dave Pietz will continue to coordinate Citizen Science activities.
- Army Corps of Engineers, Albeni Dam, needs volunteers this summer at 4 campsites where park rangers provide interpretative tours/fireside talks on weekends. Please contact Taylor Johnson if you are interested in helping with the 45 minute programs on local topics of interest and talking to the campers about North Idaho subjects.
- Bonner Gardeners Association will be holding training, watch Sandpoint online for more info.

Communication: Chair – Valle (absent)

- Saturday Library presentations for February – Michael Turnland; March – Derek Antonelli; and April – Clem Yonker and Lori Getts are scheduled. They are advertised on a flyer in the Library and will be announced in the Bee and Sandpoint Online.
- The Winter newsletter is on the Master Naturalists website. See <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/default.aspx> under newsletters on the left side of page. Be thinking of articles or pictures that can be submitted for the next quarterly newsletter.

Old Business:

- Clem read draft letter to be sent to Chip Corsi thanking the Coeur d'Alene volunteers and Fish Hatchery staff for their help this last summer. Letter will be finalized and sent.
- **Please record your volunteer, core and advanced training hours in the system by 1/25/2013.**
- WDC maintenance was again discussed, perhaps an Ad hoc Committee should be formed to handle these tasks? Gail volunteered to chair this committee, David Yeats will handle snow removal this winter.
- Next General Meeting will be held February 7th at 4:00pm at the WDC.

New Business:

- Pete Gardner brought up several topics. 1) Visit to MAC next Wednesday (see above in Training Committee). 2) Volunteer activity has financial value to the IDFG and is used when applying for Federal and private grants. Sara Focht's system for recording hours will need a group representative to help facilitate accounting and recording. Gail will help with this. 3) Pete is looking to organize a new Chapter in the Silver Valley area.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary